

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1 and 6.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Zeyuan et al. (*J. Agric. Food Chem.*, 46:3875-3878, 1998), Suzuki et al. (*J. Agric. Food Chem.* 48:5649-5653, 2000) and Iwasaki et al. (US 7,014,876).

Proposed Amendments

None.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' representatives noted that they would provide a Rule 132 Declaration to provide additional unexpected results. Applicants argued that methylated catechins are unexpectedly much better than non-methylated catechins at reducing blood triglyceride (BTG) levels. Based on this unexpected discovery, Applicants identified the varieties of tea listed in Claims 1 and 6 that have high levels of methylated catechins, and selected these teas for reducing triglyceride levels.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted that the additional data submitted by Applicants would be considered upon receipt, and would facilitate prosecution of the application.